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Road Antenna Controlled on the Basis of Receiving Rate

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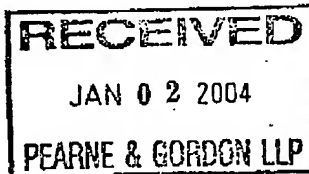


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following title:

--ROAD ANTENNA CONTROLLED ON THE BASIS OF RECEIVING RATE--

On Page 1, Line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

--This patent application is a divisional patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/603,248 filed on June 26, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 6 is a plan view of an electric toll collection (ETC) system shown in FIG. 5. The communications area ~~F21~~ F1 is a range in which radio communication can be established between the on-vehicle device 202 and the road antenna 204. The receiver 208 is disposed at a predetermined position on the road R and within the communications area ~~F21~~ F1.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the present embodiment, four receivers 208A, 208B, 208C, and 208D are disposed at corresponding four corners of the communication area ~~F21~~ F1 formed on the road R. In other respects, the ETC system is identical in structure with that employed in the third embodiment.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

—FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing the structure of a road antenna according to the fourth embodiment. The receivers 208A through 208D disposed at the respective four corners of the communications area ~~F2~~ F1 are connected to the radio controller 206 by way of corresponding control lines 209A through 209B.—

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A road antenna apparatus comprising:

a road antenna disposed above a road and establishing radio communication with an on-vehicle radio device mounted in a vehicle; and

a laser-beam emitting device which is mounted on the road antenna and radiates a laser beam on the surface of the road; and

a target mark provided on the road to confirm and adjust an angle of the road antenna by way of the laser-beam.

Claim 5 (original): The road antenna apparatus as described in claim 4, further comprising:

a laser-beam receiving device mounted on the road and receiving the laser-beam emitted from the laser-beam emitting device,

wherein the operation of the road antenna is stopped when the laser-beam receiving device cannot receive the laser-beam.

Claims 6-26 (cancelled)

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The abstract of the disclosure has been amended in the following manner:

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The abstract of the disclosure has been amended in the following manner:

1 A road antenna apparatus includes a road antenna 104 which is mounted on a post
2 103 and at an elevated position on a road R and establishes radio communication with an
3 on-vehicle radio device 102 mounted in a vehicle 101 which is traveling over the road; a
4 controller controls a level of a transmission output signal of the antenna based on a
5 receiving rate of the transmission output signal, and a laser-beam emitting device 111
6 which is mounted on the road antenna and radiates a laser beam onto a predetermined
7 position 113 on the surface of the road. ~~An offset in the angle at which a road antenna is~~
8 ~~mounted can be readily ascertained on the basis of a distance between a predetermined~~
9 ~~position on the surface of the road and a position 114 on the road surface onto which a~~
10 ~~laser beam is actually radiated. A laser-beam receiving device mounted on the road~~
11 receives the laser beam emitted from the laser-beam emitting device. The controller stops
12 the operation of the antenna when the laser-beam receiver device cannot receive the laser
13 beam.

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